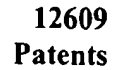


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In response to the Final Office Action dated January 28, 2004, Applicant proposes to amend the above-identified patent application as follows: